

ADAMSVILLE

BOOK 3: THE CURSE OF EDEN

M I C H A E L R E G I N A

YOU SEE, FOR THE LONGEST
TIMES I WAS OBSESSED WITH
THIS ANCIENT SECRET SOCIETY
CALLED "THE ORDER OF FLAMES."

THE THEORY WAS THAT THEY
WERE ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE
KEEPERS AND PRESERVED THE
MYSTERIES OF OUR WORLD'S
LOST HISTORY...







EXCEPT GREGORY
JOHNSON... CHLOE'S
FATHER.





HE AND I THEORIZED
THAT IF THE TREE
WAS WHAT BROUGHT
EVIL INTO THE
WORLD, THEN MAYBE
ITS FRUIT HELD
THE POWER TO
REMOVE IT.





SO WHEN WE FOUND
THE TREE, WE FORMED
THE "EDEN GROUP!"

WE RECRUITED SOME
OF THE WORLD'S BRIGHTEST
MINDS AND CREATED A CITY
WHERE WE COULD TEST OUR
THEORIES ON THE TREE.





FOR THE LONGEST
TIME OUR EXPERIMENTS
YIELDED NO RESULTS.
JUST FRUSTRATION.



WE FEARED WE
WOULD BE SHUT
DOWN.



SO WE PUSHED OURSELVES
AND REFORMED OUR THEORIES.
ONE DAY I HAD A REALIZATION
WHEN I SAW YOU, TODD



I THEORIZED THAT THE KEY
TO REMOVING EVIL FROM
THE HUMAN HEART WAS
IN DESTROYING IT BEFORE
IT TOOK HOLD



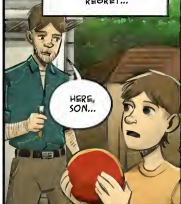
THAT MAYBE
THE ANSWER WAS
IN CHILDREN.

I BEGAN
TESTING
MY THEORY
IN SECRET.



AND IN A MOMENT
I NOW DEEPLY
REGRET...

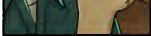
HERE,
SON...





I CHOSE TO TRY
MY EXPERIMENT
ON YOU...

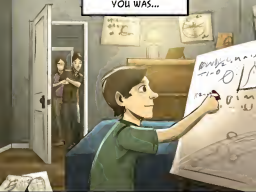




AND THE AMAZING THING
IS, IT WORKED! YOU
WERE DIFFERENT, TODD

EVERYTHING ABOUT

YOU WAS...



PERFECT

PERFECT!



I WAS PREPARING TO
SHARE MY FINDINGS WITH
THE GROUP CONFIDENT
WE HAD FOUND THE
ANSWER WHEN...









I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
IT... HOW YOU WENT SO
QUICKLY FROM WHERE YOU
WERE TO SO FULL OF
RAGE AND DESPAIR.





I KNEW THERE HAD
TO BE AN ANSWER
SOMEWHERE, SO
I RETURNED TO MY
LAB AT EDEN.



BY THEN, WORD OF
YOUR STRANGE BEHAVIOR

OUR STRAIGHT SENIOR
HAD GOTTEN BACK TO
THE REST OF MY TEAM.



I WENT THROUGH EVERYTHING
I HAD ON THE TREE AND "THE

ORDER," DESPERATELY SEARCHING
FOR WHAT I HAD MISSED



THAT'S
WHEN I
FOUND





AN OBSCURE
PASSAGE IN ONE
OF THE ANCIENT
DOCUMENTS THAT
EXPLAINED IT ALL.





AFTER THE FALL,
THIS TEXT
EXPLAINED THAT
THE TREE...





BECAME CORRUPT
AND TAINTED
EVERYTHING
THAT TOUCHED IT.



THE TREE SOUGHT TO
SPREAD ITS EVIL THROUGH
THE WORLD..



SO "THE ORDER"
INTERVENED



USING A
WEAPON
CALLED "THE
FIRE OF
HEAVEN..."



THEY PIERCED
THE TREE, AND
LOOKED THAT
EVIL INSIDE OF IT.

A SMALL SHARD
FROM THAT
WEAPON IS WHAT
HELD IT AT BAY.

SNAP

A comic book panel with a dark, moody background. On the left, a large, jagged, green and yellow energy blade or shard is visible. On the right, a dark, rocky, vertical structure, possibly a cliff or a large rock formation, is shown. The word "SNAP" is written in large, white, stylized letters in the center of the panel, between the blade and the rock.



THAT I HAD UNDONE
EVERYTHING THAT
WAS KEEPING THAT
EVIL CONTAINED



AND ITS EVIL WAS
BEGINNING
TO SPREAD AGAIN...
INTO YOU.



CHLOE'S
FATHER
CONFRONTED



CONFRONTED
ME. I TRIED
TO EXPLAIN,
BUT...

HE THOUGHT I HAD
FOUND THE BREAKTHROUGH
WE HAD ALL BEEN HOPING
FOR AND THAT I WAS
HIDING IT FROM HIM.





BUT HE WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO ME...





SO I KNEW I HAD TO
TAKE THINGS INTO MY
OWN HANDS, AND
DESTROY THE TREE.



ALL THESE
YEARS I'D
KEPT THE
SHARD AT



HOME
IN MY LAB,
THINKING
NOTHING
OF IT.



AND YOU
FOUND ME
IN THERE.



I COULD
STILL SEE
IT IN YOU
THEN...





WHAT I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE
WAS THAT GREGORY
WOULD COME TO TAKE
MY RESEARCH FORCIBLY.





HE HAD CHOSEN OUR
WORK OVER MY WARNINGS...
OVER OUR FRIENDSHIP



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN NEXT, BUT I KNEW
I HAD TO SAVE YOU.



SO I DID THE
ONLY THING I
COULD THINK OF...













**FOR A BEHIND THE SCENES
LOOK, BE SURE TO FOLLOW ME ON:**



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